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Stansfield Turner

A CIA charge of a massacre is denied by Moscow.

The charge, which appeared in a letter by CIA Director Stansfield Turner that was released this week, said it was "almost certain" that Afghan troops massacred 1,300 civilians last year on Soviet orders. But the official news agency Tass labeled the assertion a "monstrous lie." Tass writer Vadim Biryukov said the comment on the alleged massacre demonstrated that the CIA had "completely exhausted the ability of its brain center to invent false reports." Turner cited an earlier news report about the alleged massacre last April in the town of Kerala in eastern Afghanistan.